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SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION  
PREVENTION: PREPARATIONS FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE  
IN LONDON: FEB 6-17, 1978

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1. SUMMARY: GOJ VIEWS ON TANKER PROPOSALS REMAIN  
ESSENTIALLY AS SET FORTH DURING LAST OCTOBER'S MSC/MEPC  
MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.
2. PER INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH FOR MIN  
UN BUREAU SPECIALIZED AGENCY DIVISION OFFICIAL CURRENT  
GOJ VIEWS RE SUBJECT INITIATIVES.
3. GOJ VIEWS REMAIN AS THEY WERE LAST FALL AND MAY  
BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
  - A. DOUBLE BOTTOMS: JAPAN CONTINUES TO SUPPORT ITS OWN  
ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR LOCATING SEGREGATED BALLAST  
TANKS IN A PROTECTIVE LOCATION WHERE THEY WOULD  
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EXERCISE SAME PROTECTIVE FUNCTION AS A DOUBLE BOTTOM.  
B. SEGREGATED BALLAST (SBT) AND INERT GAS: JAPAN  
CONTINUES TO FAVOR THE U.K.'S PROPOSAL (PACKAGE 2)  
ON BOTH OF THESE ITEMS. GOJ REGARDS THE U.S.  
PROPOSAL ON SBT AS "VERY STRINGENT" WHILE U.K. IS  
LESS STRICT IN TERMS OF SIZE OF VESSEL THAT WOULD BE  
COVERED AND LEAD TIME UNTIL SBT'S WOULD HAVE TO BE

IN PLACE. U.S. PROPOSALS ARE STILL RECEIVING SOME CONSIDERATION AND FOR MIN OFFICIAL EXPRESSED PRIVATE OPINION THAT PERHAPS THESE COULD BE SOME MIDDLEGROUND WORKED OUT BETWEEN U.S. AND U.K. VIEWS.

C. BACKUP RADAR SYSTEMS WITH COLLISION AVOIDANCE EQPT: GOJ ADHERES TO VIEW THAT SUCH SYSTEMS ARE ONLY IN DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE AND SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT. OFFICIAL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT SUCH SYSTEMS ARE ALREADY RECOMMENDED IN SOLAS CONVENTION.

D. IMPROVED EMERGENCY STEERING: GOJ SUPPORTS THE NETHERLANDS' PROPOSAL AS ALREADY INDICATED IN GOJ COMMENT ON THIS ITEM SUBMITTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER JOINT MEETING OF MSC/MEPC.

E. INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF TANKERS: GOJ STANDS BY ITS COMMENT ALREADY SUBMITTED IN REGARD TO ANNEX III OF MSC/MEPC 10 AND POINTS OUT THIS ITEM IS ALREADY COVERED IN BOTH THE '73 CONVENTION FOR PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS AT SEA AND THE '74 SOLAS CONVENTION.

4. IN REGARD TO ITEMS A THROUGH D ABOVE, JAPANESE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT FRENCH PROPOSAL THAT "CARGO CAPACITY" RATHER THAN "DEADWEIGHT" BE USED AS MEANS OF MEASURING SHIPS FOR REGULATION.

5. JAPANESE DELEGATION AT FEB 6 CONFERENCE WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HEADED BY MR. KOMURA OF LONDON EMBASSY BACKSTOPPED BY MOT SHIP BUREAU DEP DIR GEN AKAIWA AND S. NAKAJIMA, DIR, SAFETY AND POLLUTION DIVISION, MOT SECRETARIAT OR OTHER SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL OF HIGHER RANK. GOJ DELEGATION WILL NUMBER ABOUT NINE, SEVERAL OFFICIALS FROM VARIOUS SHIPPING AND SHIPBUILDING ASSOCIATIONS WILL ALSO ATTEND. MANSFIELD

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